

those people would have a conflict and would have to resolve that. Then perhaps the people representing Nebraska would have to change somewhat, the resolution that we, the people of Nebraska give them when they go to the constitutional convention to represent us.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. Can I ask Senator Venditte a question if I might? Pat, if this proposal is adopted, what sort of guarantees that are... Let me ask you a first question first. How will the delegates be selected? Will they be selected by the Legislature?

SENATOR VENDITTE: No, they would be selected just as anyone else running for a political office, Senator.

SENATOR NEWELL: So they would be on the ballot and they would be running etc. So what sort of guarantees would we have if they are running on the ballot like everybody else as representatives to the national convention, what sort of guarantees that our delegates would in fact be committed to a resolution that may be amended to say that in case of incest or rape or if the life of the mother is in danger, what sort of guarantees do we have that those people will do that?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator, I know exactly what your question is and I can only address that question by saying that I think this very concern will be a concern that would be addressed by the convention rather than a delegate per se. Once the convention is called, at that point in time will that particular issue be discussed or at least brought up and resolved.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you. That's one of my problems with this whole proposal. I think that we ought to adopt the Nichol motion to amend the resolution. I think that is absolutely necessary but one of the problems that you are going to have is what guarantees do we as the Legislature of Nebraska have that at this constitutional convention they will in fact be committed to this resolution that we passed. Other states have passed different resolutions. What sort of guarantees will we have that they will have to stick to this issue, I mean the issue of abortion which primarily just that? What guarantees that they will not open up other sections of the Bill of Rights? We already have one section brought up. There is a poll today that shows other sections of the Bill of Rights would be coming under question today and I think that if the Bill of Rights was proposed again, that Colonel Mason would have a heck of a time convincing the Legislature of the great State of Nebraska to adopt it. These are some of my fears.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: These are indeed serious and very disconcerting fears that people in this body ought to have and ought to be concerned about. There are in fact, no guarantees that Senator Nichol's proposal, that Senator Labeledz's proposal that the life of the mother should be taken into consideration, that those will be the final decision that comes out of this constitutional convention. These guarantees we ought to have and I think we can do that by law. I think we ought to pass a law which would mandate which would instruct our delegates just exactly how we would have them